PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Lilium columbianum* hort. ex Leichtlin

**GENUS** *Lilium* **FAMILY** Liliaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Columbia tiger lily, Columbia lily, Oregon lily

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Root, Bulbs

The bulbs are cooked by steaming. They are strong tasting, peppery and bitter. They can be used for flavouring. They can be dried for later use.

## DESCRIPTION

A bulb or lily plant. It grows 2-2.4 m high and spreads 30-45 cm wide. The leaves are sword shaped in rings up the stem. The flowers curve backwards. They are yellow to orange with red spots. They are 8 cm across.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Canada it grows from sea level to sub-alpine elevations. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

## NOTES

There are about 100 Lilium species.

## PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

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